

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 2, 4, 5A and 5B.

The sheet, which includes Figs. 3 and 4, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 3 and 4. The designation "Prior Art" has been added to Fig. 4.

The sheet, which includes Figs. 5A and 5B, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 5A and 5B. The designation "Prior Art" has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

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A cross-sectional view of a multi-layered structure. A central core (51) is shown with a textured pattern. It is flanked by two side supports (54) which are also textured. The side supports are connected to a base (55) by a horizontal layer (56). The central core is divided into segments (52) by vertical dividers (53). The segments (52) are further divided into sub-segments (52a). The side supports (54) have a curved top surface. The base (55) is a horizontal layer at the bottom. The horizontal layer (56) is a thin layer between the side supports and the base.



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FIG. 5A

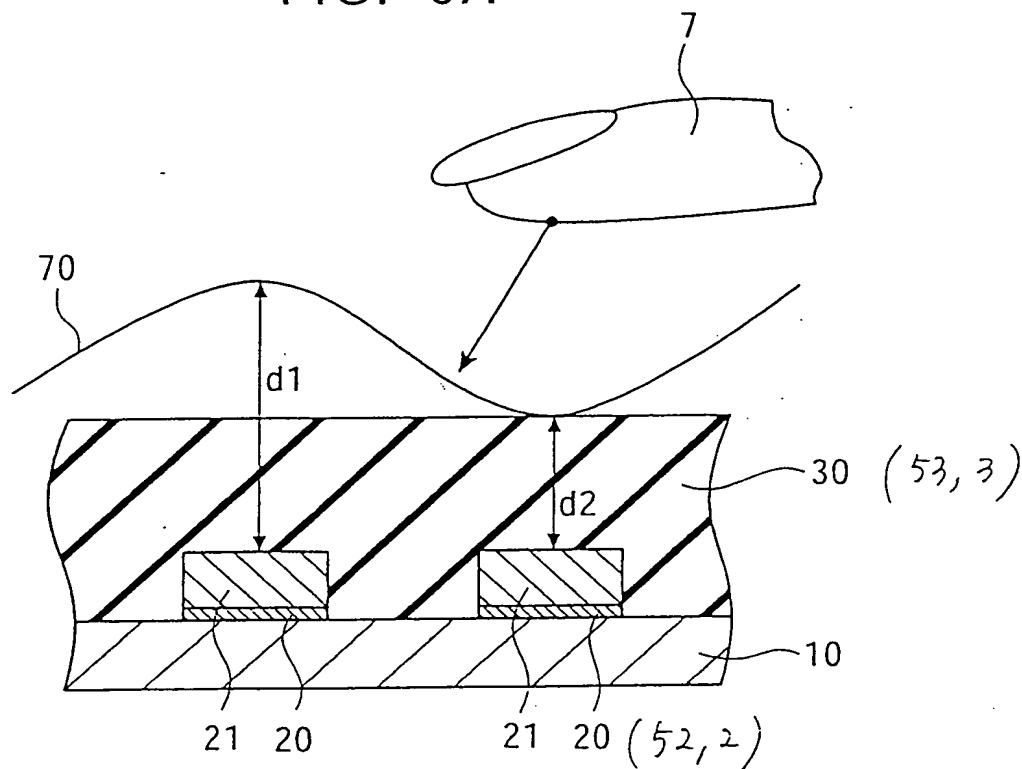


FIG. 5B

